

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCILS.

The stated meeting of each branch of Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT BRANCH.

Organized shortly after three o'clock, with President Stockley in the chair.

A communication was received from the Register of Wills, asking better office accommodations, which was referred to the Committee on Property.

A message was received from the Mayor, inclosing a communication from the President of the Stafford Wooden Pavement Company, and suggesting that a committee be appointed to visit Boston, to examine the Stafford Wooden Pavement at Court House Square. It was further stated that proper transportation would be furnished said committee, if so appointed.

Mr. CATTELL then moved a special committee be appointed to visit Boston, to make the necessary examination, provided said trip shall be at no expense to the city, which was agreed to, and Messrs. Catell, Fox, Page, Kersey and King were appointed.

Colonel PAGE arose to a question of privilege as to certain resolutions in these columns as having been made at the last meeting of Councils, by Mr. Fox, accusing him of being an anti-railroad man, and making himself prominent, as such at the annual meetings of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Further, Mr. Fox, by implication, intimated that Colonel Page was acting in a professional capacity in his opposition to the meeting, which that gentleman stated to be incorrect.

Mr. FOX said, in the remarks referred to he spoke in a general sense, and did not wish to reflect personally on the resolutions.

Colonel PAGE then said, he wished to say, at this time, that he was not an anti-railroad man, and his opposition as the annual meeting referred to was not to the road itself, but to its management, believing that if a man did not do his best to correct any matter he considered to be wrong, he was not doing his duty.

Mr. FOX said that he had no objection to the professional fee for the opposition spoken of, nor could such be purchased for money. He had acted as an independent stockholder, and nothing more, and he thought proper to make this explanation that there might be no misconception of facts.

Mr. FOX said that at the last annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, a committee of prominent and well-known citizens had been appointed to examine into the management, and they reported thereon, nothing more, and he (Mr. Fox) took the opinion of Colonel Page, against the opinion and examination of this committee of independent stockholders.

Colonel PAGE did not ask any member to take his opinion; he simply desired to place himself right upon the record.

The Chamber then decided that discussion must cease upon the matter, and the regular business was then proceeded with.

A communication was presented from the management of the Atlantic Petroleum Storage Company, asking that the lease of certain wharves on the Schuylkill, occupied by them, and on which they have erected a building, be renewed, and that the lease be extended for five years, and they desire an extension of the term which it had been recently decided could be legally made. Referred to the Committee on Grand Jurors.

Mr. CATTELL presented an ordinance providing that Lancaster avenue, between Forty-first street and Hestonville, should be placed in proper repair, by being paved, notwithstanding that the gas and water had not yet been introduced. The wants of the citizens required immediate action in this respect, and he urged the measure.

Messrs. KING and BARLOW opposed the passage of the bill at this time, which was finally referred to the Committee on Grand Jurors.

Mr. SMITH presented a petition from manufacturers and others in the lower part of Germantown, asking the location of the Independence Steam Fire Engine Company, in that neighborhood, which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire of Common Council.

The Chamber then proceeded to the consideration of the ordinance appropriating \$4200 for the services of extra policemen on election day.

Dr. KAMMEL moved to strike out the amount named in the ordinance, and to be voted for by the benefit of the police with as much propriety as the sum proposed in the ordinance.

Colonel PAGE moved in favor of paying the men appointed for but one day, instead of two as proposed in the bill.

Mr. KING was opposed to the amendment of Dr. Kammerly.

Dr. KAMMELY—I know you are, and I expect you will all be.

Mr. FOX then advocated the passage of the bill as presented, when Mr. Francis moved to postpone until the next meeting, at four o'clock, which was agreed to.

Mr. SMITH presented a resolution for the extension of the track of the Second and Third Street Passenger Railway along Amber street, from Frankford avenue to Lehigh avenue, and thence to Frankford avenue, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Colonel PAGE presented an ordinance providing that on the receipt by any department of the city, of any money, the person receiving the money, to receive the signature of the person paying the same to the memorandum of payment, on the books of the department, and that the receipt and payment to be dated the day the money is received, and to be attested by the clerk, or other person receiving it. Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire.

A resolution was offered from the Committee on Trusts and Fire, providing that the fire and hose companies within the First Fire Division shall meet from time to time, on the 10th of November, to vote for an Assistant Engineer for the First District, and make returns to the Directors of the Fire Department on the Tuesday following.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to amend the resolution, so that the highest number of votes in the election of the Council, and if confirmed by them, he shall be the Assistant Engineer. Attached to the resolution is a long report, signed by John M. Sweeney, dated Monday, September 28, 1868, which was irregularly and unadvisedly conducted, and is, therefore, null and void.

The returns of that election give the position of Mr. Sweeney, and it was claimed that eight regular and legal votes had been cast.

Colonel PAGE expressed his views at length, substantially favoring the confirmation of the returns, and denouncing the proceedings which would open upon them if they allowed political feelings or influences to enter into their actions.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to explain certain matters appertaining to the investigation made by the committee of which he was a member, when Mr. Sweeney had eight votes, and Mr. Sweeney was Assistant Engineer.

Mr. BARLOW—Was that the highest number of votes in the election of the Council?

Mr. SHERMAN—Yes, sir; but.

Mr. BARLOW—Then, Mr. Sweeney is the Assistant Engineer, without doubt.

From the Board of Inspectors of the Philadelphia County Prison, was received a communication asking for an additional appropriation of \$4000, for groceries, &c. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The various communications were received, and referred to appropriate committees.

Mr. STOCKHAM offered a resolution instructing the City Solicitor to examine into the legality of the lease entered into by Mr. James Tutbill, for Reed street wharf. Passed.

Mr. GATES presented a resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to pave Green street from Chelton avenue to Queen street. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

The resolution from Select Council, directing the City Treasurer to register all warrants presented to him whose dates are anterior to July 1, 1868, and have been paid in conformity to ordinance, was concurred in.

The Finance Committee reported an ordinance approving the salaries of J. G. Dickson, Licensee Clerk in the Highway Department. Passed.

The Finance Committee reported an ordinance appropriating \$1000 to the Inspectors of the County Prison to pay Mr. Henry C. Fox for plumbing work done in the prison. Passed.

Mr. BARRISLEY, from the Committee on Highways, presented a resolution for the paving of Monroe street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth; Western street, from Twentieth to Twenty-second; and a Summer street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth. Agreed to.

Also, a resolution for grading Orianna street, from Southampton avenue to Diamond street. Agreed to.

Also, a resolution for paving the diagonal street from Otis to York, and Orkney street from Diamond to Norris street. Agreed to.

Also, a resolution for instructing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property on Twenty-third street, from Washington avenue to the present, that said street will be required for public use. Agreed to.

Also, a resolution for the grading and paving of the footways on Twenty-second street, from Columbia street to the corner of Second street.

Also, a resolution instructing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to advertise for proposals for the construction of a sewer on Eighth street, north of Willow. Agreed to.

Mr. STOCKHAM, of the Committee on Port Wards, reported a resolution authorizing a certain franchise in the Port Wards, for the sale of coal in the vicinity, opposite the Spring Garden Gas Works. Agreed to.

Mr. EVANS, Chairman of the Special Committee on which was referred the ordinance creating a department of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, reported the ordinance submitted to them, and asked its passage.

Mr. HETZELL moved an amendment that the Superintendent of Police be appointed by the Mayor and not chosen by Councils.

Mr. DILLON moved to postpone the consideration of the bill to two weeks. Lost.

Mr. HETZELL proposed the taking away of power from the Mayor. He believed the bill to have been gotten up purposely for partisan purposes. If the bill were passed, it would be a great advantage to the Mayor, and he believed it would be a great advantage to the Mayor.

Mr. HANCOCK said he was in favor of the bill, and in favor of the power of appointing policemen from the Mayor. He was in favor of it, because a party of rough and out-throws had come here and defeated the Republican party by casting fraudulent votes.

Mr. EVANS favored the bill. He considered the change necessary, because it would be a saving of money to the city, and it would be a great advantage to the Mayor, and he believed it would be a great advantage to the Mayor.

Mr. HETZELL moved to indefinitely postpone. Lost.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Hetzell's amendment counting—Yeas, 8; nays, 30. The amendment of course failed.

The bill passed.

Mr. OGDEN, from the Committee on Schools, reported an ordinance authorizing the sale of the lot in the block known as the west side of Fifth street, near Noble. Passed.

Mr. WILLETT's offered a resolution instructing the Commissioner of Highways to repair a break on Vine street in the vicinity of the corner of Second street. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. SIMPSON presented an ordinance providing for the sale of city property on Mechanic street (the old location of the city of Philadelphia), and for the sale of the same.

The resolution from Select Council, providing for the appointment of a committee to visit Boston for the purpose of examining into the management of the Fire Department, was concurred in.

The Committee from Common Council consists of Messrs. Harper, Ray, Gates, Hancock and Dillon.

Mr. HETZELL offered a resolution to change the place of holding the election in the Seventh Division of the Seventh Ward. Agreed to.

Mr. HETZELL offered a resolution instructing the City Controller to pay a warrant of \$200 for certain work for the city. Passed.

The same gentleman offered a resolution requesting the Mayor to direct the Chief Commissioner of Highways to act in conjunction with the Board of Public Works, to build a bridge over the Schuylkill at Sixth street. Postponed.

The resolution from Select Council granting permission to the Second and Third Street Passenger Railway Company to extend their tracks, was concurred in. Other bills from Select Council were concurred in and the Chamber adjourned.

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs.

Last night there was an immense jam at Concert Hall on the occasion of the mass meeting of the Irish Republicans. Addresses were made by John M. Sweeney, Dr. David Bell, Dr. William Keith, and others.

The second annual Sunday-School Jubilee, in aid of the Home for Aged and Infirm Men, was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and was held last evening at the Academy of Music.

Peter Rowland, living at No. 1014 Palmer Street, had a hearing yesterday before Alderman Bell on the charge of getting persons on the streets, and obstructing the traffic in this city.

The testimony showed that he had prevailed upon William and James Kinz, residents of Delaware, to be assessed. He was held to answer \$1000.

Charles J. Conover, aged 30 years, residing at Woodgoad's Hotel, lot of Walnut street, was found in his room last evening, with his throat badly cut. A razor was lying by his side, but his injuries were such as to prevent him from giving any account of the affair. He was taken to the hospital.

William Becker, Jr. employed in Megare's paper mill, on the Wissahocken, was badly injured yesterday afternoon. One of his hands was crushed, and the other was injured by a dynamite, and the bones were not only crushed, but the flesh burned off the hand.

Mary Dolan, a child four years of age, residing at No. 1648 Fawcett street, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon, at her home. She was playing near the stove, when her clothes took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished the child was burned on nearly every portion of her person. The little sufferer was taken to the hospital, where her case here is being attended almost hopeless.

On Tuesday last the Philadelphia Rifle Corps had their last out-door shooting practice for this season. The greatest number of shots were made by G. F. Knib, F. Langenhorn, and C. H. Parbs. The closest score was made by Parbs, Zass, and Langenhorn. The best shots on the targets were made by G. F. Knib, J. Reitz, G. Knib, and F. Gutzkow, their successive shots being respectively 30, 28, 28, and 20 rings, the greatest number that could be made being 30. The prizes were distributed to the successful marksmen on Wednesday evening, at the headquarters of the corps.

Jacob Milvey, colored, fifteen years of age, fell from a house in Harst street, and injured his back. J. W. Davis, twenty-three years of age, residing at No. 238 South Front street, had his jaw broken and hand mangled yesterday in the rigging of an oyster boat. Thomas Barton, colored, residing No. 252 Quince street, fell in the street yesterday from exhaustion, and injured his back. He had been at work for about eighteen years of age, and when admitted to the hospital was even in the last stage of consumption. Euphant Blossa, employed in a steam-gyng establishment, No. 608 South Front street, had her hand injured by being caught in some of the machinery. Henry Kanchel, residing No. 575 South Penn street, had his left leg broken by an anchor falling on him on the wharf.

Domestic Affairs.

—Gold closed yesterday at 134.

—Seymour snubbed his Baltimore friends.

—The Fond-du-Lac (Wisconsin) skating rink was burned yesterday. Loss, \$20,000.

—The Agricultural Fair at Staunton, Va., closed yesterday, after a successful season.

—Horatio Seymour, who is on a stumping tour for the Presidency, was at Reading last night.

—Hon. James M. Ashley, of Ohio, addressed a grand Republican meeting in Harrisburg last evening.

—Governor Scott congratulates the people of South Carolina on their good behavior since his proclamation.

—The new northern wing of the Treasury Department at Washington will be entirely finished by the 1st of January next.

—The National Convention closed its sessions with impressive ceremonies at Calvary Church, New York city.

—The Virginia State Treasurer publishes a statement for the past year, which shows a balance for the October 1, of \$183,000.

—Police affairs are being taxed in New Orleans, General Steadman having tendered his resignation, which has not been accepted.

—Rev. E. V. Gerhart was inaugurated as Professor of Theology in the Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Merceburg, Pa., on Tuesday last.

—Judge Weisell's prospects for election to Congress in the Fourth Maryland district are bright, and he is expected to be elected.

—An enthusiastic meeting of one-armed and one-legged veterans "Boys in Blue" yesterday at Troy, New York, evinced their determination to vote for the old party.

—In a prize fight at Framingham, Mass., yesterday, John Horan, one of the combatants struck the centre stake on the sixty-fourth round, smashed his hand, broke his arm, and thus lost the match.

—General Reynolds, one of the most gallant and loyal soldiers in the United States army, has incurred the displeasure of the Board of Pension Commissioners, and is now in the hands of the law.

—This evening Seymour will speak his piece to the "natural" and "unnatural" will on his own behalf, anxious to see more of the man who has been so earnestly and so earnestly advised by the leaders of his party.

—Our grand old War Secretary, Edwin M. Stanton, the friend of the martyr Lincoln, and a man whose life has been devoted to the good of his country, will speak at the Academy of Music to-morrow night. Philadelphia will accord him a welcome worthy of her revolutionary fame and the heroic part which she played in the late war for the preservation of the Union.

—Last week a remarkable and successful blast was made at the Richmond (Va.) granite quarry, owned by a company in Philadelphia, one of the largest in the world. The blast was 100 feet long, 23 feet thick, 20 feet wide, and was thrown out from the solid mass of the quarry. This immense block contains 46,000 cubic feet, or 8,400 pounds, or 3600 tons. This is probably as large a blast as has ever been made in one piece ever before quarried either in ancient or modern times.

Foreign Affairs.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—The Monitor of to-day says the Army bill, which passed the Austrian Reichsrath, will not be signed by the Emperor. It adds that the Minister of War, Baron von Boust, has said publicly that Austria is not only in opposition to the extent of her population.

VIENNA, Oct. 29.—The Government is made by the Ministry, that the interpretation which has been put upon the recent speech of Baron von Boust is a false one, and that the policy of Austria is peace.

VIENNA, Oct. 29.—P. M.—The Diet has passed a bill giving authority to the Government to recruit 40,000 additional soldiers, Baron von Boust having given formal assurances that the new recruits will merely fill up the deficiencies in the ranks, and not swell it out above the number fixed by law.

VIENNA, Oct. 29.—The Ministry have made an explanation to the Reichsrath as to the strength of the Army.

The annual war footing is fixed at 800,000 men, and the present active force is not to be increased.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Evening.—The leaders of the Liberal party have after a careful survey of the present position of the Government, and of the prospects of the coming election of a large majority of Liberal members to the new House of Commons. The following has been quietly issued in Liberal circles, as the probable cast of the vote in the coming election.

VIENNA, Oct. 29.—Queen Isabella and suite are expected to arrive here on November 6.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The steamer Eagle, from Havana, brings a copy of the proclamation issued by the Republican Revolutionary Committee. It is full of fire, and breathes the most intense revolutionary spirit. The document recites the wrongs of the Cuban people, and concludes with a strong appeal to Cubans to pronounce for a federal republic. It concludes:—"We pronounce for liberty, equality, and fraternity. Cubans and Spaniards, we declare our independence, and we demand the solution of a national militia, justice to all classes, municipal independence, liberty of the press, free trade, freedom of commerce, and the abolition of the monopoly of slavery. Let us defend our liberty with dignity, and respect all opinions. Let us embrace the opportunity to secure the freedom of Cuba! Viva the Federal Republic!"

MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY.

SUN RISES..... 6:24 MORN RISES..... 4:25

SUN SETS..... 4:40 HIGH WATER..... 1:25

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

FOR EUROPE..... MONSIEUR COMPTON.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

FOR AMERICA.....

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